

We as anarchists who have coalesced into a revolutionary federation within these so-called United States believe imperialism should be fought unconditionally. The subordinate masses that fight in these wars and pay the heaviest price in their blood should resist this continual capitalist war at all cost. Should thousands of mothers mourn the loss of their children over a few acres of land many miles from their own homes? How many empty seats at the dinner table will families have to solemnly stare at during every mealtime?

A Vice Documentary on the escalating conflict was uploaded online on January 29th, 2022 featured a reporter directly asking a grieving mother who she holds responsible for the death of her son. In her own words: "I blame the governments. The Russian and Ukrainian governments. Why, to this day, they can't find common ground to make peace? Why do our children have to die there?" The people, soldiers of Russian and Ukraine should either lay down their arms or point them towards the authoritarian bourgeois class as their Kazakhstani neighbors have done earlier this month.

We as revolutionaries must take action to prevent such an atrocity from taking place. We all must take actions to secure ourselves at home and abroad from the disasters incurred by the capitalist system. As we write this, nationalists and "war hawks" on both sides are misguided to eagerly inflict untold pain and suffering, and fed lies by their respective ruling elite. Marginalized groups face violence in American streets, violence we cannot ignore if we wish to call ourselves "revolutionary". In the same way, we must find solidarity with the people in Ukraine which is on the brink of a catastrophic war.

The Russian Federation and CSTO are firmly antagonized to the US and NATO who are supporting the Ukrainian State. Both NATO and the CSTO wish for geo-political hegemony in the region of Eastern Europe. The tensions in Eastern Europe are unstable and threaten the lives of hundreds of thousands along with what could potentially be the largest refugee crisis in history. Twice as many people live in Ukraine (41 Million) than Syria before it's civil war. NATO, not innocent in this conflict, was an anti-soviet alliance formed with the stated intention of fighting the USSR. NATO has, *since its inception*, spread neo-colonialism to the rest of the world in line with the American tradition of "intervention". NATO has, since the fall of the USSR, pushed for expansion into the former eastern bloc.

Western media is constantly manufacturing consent, pushing to send more than weapons and "lethal aid." Rather, they push for a hot conflict with Russia, a result that would be disastrous. Op-ed pieces are calling for war and openly support an intervention in Ukraine all in the name of protecting American/western homogeny. At the time of writing, Russia has stationed over 150,000 troops along the Ukrainian

border, with expectations for that number to more than double if current escalations continue. Meanwhile, the United States is threatening to deploy at least several thousand soldiers, as well as ships and aircraft, to the region. The Anti-Globalization movement predicted that eventually homogeneity would come back to haunt the western powers and be fought against with perpetual war. With globalization introduced, everyone will want to be that global power, and fierce competition, *war*, will inevitably ensue. When we say *globalization*, a term originally associated with the left, refers to the global economy of NATO and the EU, not the reactionary co-option to dog whistle for some imagined Jewish conspiracy.

Anarchists must oppose war from autocratic institutions, especially those between imperialist powers. Though many Western leftists believe the contrary, one cannot be anti-imperialist by supporting one imperialist power over another. We must organize with our international comrades, from Russia to Ukraine, and to the US to Belarus, to get popular anti-war movements going on the streets of all our cities to take revolutionary action.

While we understand the sentiments of other revolutionaries around the world for NATO to be made weaker and the world unipolar, we should not support any imperialist power or state even in the name of the "*lesser evil*". Especially not when it comes at the costs of potentially thousands of innocent lives. We shall take no side with any state.

Comrades in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine must remain defiant of the nation state and fight against this war by building radical and popular resistance within their communities on both the local and regional level. By building resilient and militant communities, and by taking inspiration from endeavors like The Free Territories, Rojava, and Chiapas, we hope that our Eastern European comrades and allies can help pave the way for a new path for humanity. A path without imperialism, without needless proxy wars, without poverty and homelessness and all the other manufactured ills of global imperialist capitalism.

Just over a century ago as World War One began, leftists across the world banded together to form anti-war movements. Many workers' movements used the war to promote a socialist vision of the future from America to Germany, and from China to Japan. Anarchists and socialists in America like Eugene Debs were arrested for their vocal opposition to the war. Unfortunately not all revolutionaries fought as hard as Emma Goldman or Berkman. The vast majority of so-called socialists in Europe, including famed author Kropotkin, took sides in the war which, along with state repression, destroyed the anarchist movement and delegitimized it in the eyes of many.

Now on the eve of a similar conflict in Europe we find it of the utmost importance that we not only follow in the footsteps of our revolutionary forbearers, but also learn from their mistakes. We must succeed where they failed. We must not get swept up in the warhawking of imperialists. We must not be encumbered by propaganda, and make haste to see to it that these goals are swiftly and, if necessary, militantly fulfilled. We must not allow millions of innocent people to perish in the plains of Ukraine for the enrichment of the ruling elite.